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December 15, 2004

Mr. William Post, Chairman & CEO
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TUCSON, AZ.

Dear Mr. Post:

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We are residents of the Legend Trail community in northeast Scottsdale, and are writing to you in connection with the proposed APS Northeast Valley Power Line and Substation Project.

The proposal, as we understand it, is to locate a new 20-acre substation, two 2-1/2 acre smaller substations together with overhead power lines on Preserve land in one of Scottsdale's designated scenic corridors. In speaking with members of the Community Working Group, we were advised that APS has not adequately justified the need for these facilities in this location at all. The projections provided of the number of new rooftops, the average square footage of new homes, and the years until full build-out are grossly overstated. We understand the Working Group has requested more details in support of these underlying assumptions, and APS staff has refused to respond. Without this justification, many residents in the north Scottsdale communities do not accept, and will oppose, the company's plans as currently presented. We hope this is not being done to simply expand your infrastructure for the purpose of justifying a future rate increase in order to gain a return on your investment.

While APS may have the legal right to proceed without public support, doing so as presently proposed would result in a public relations nightmare for the company. You or your staff may recall that local community groups orchestrated the turnout of over 1,500 people at a meeting a few years ago in connection with the Arizona Preserve Initiative, and are prepared to do that again if these plans are not significantly modified.

We strongly urge you to reconsider this ill-advised plan, and work with local community groups to find an alternative, acceptable outcome.

Sincerely,

Ray and Linda Philbin

Cc: Scottsdale Mayor and City Council
Don Stapley, Maricopa County Supervisor
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UTILITY COMPLAINT FORM

Investigator: Reg Lopez

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Priority: Respond Within Five Days

Opinion No. 2004 - 40776

Date: 12/22/2004

Complaint Description: 08A Rate Case Items - Opposed

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Complaint By: Ray & Linda

Philbin

Account Name: Ray & Linda Philbin

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State: AZ **Zip:** 85262

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Utility Company: Arizona Public Service Company

Division:

Contact Name: 0000

Contact Phone: 0000

Nature of Complaint:

Received letter dated 12-15-04 expressing opposition to APS' Northeast Valley Power Line and substation project. See letter for details.

End of Complaint

Utilities' Response:

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

12-22 I called Angela @ APS after I obtained info from our Pending Matters. She confirmed that the item (docket # L-00000D-04-0127) in our Pending Matters report was the one the customer was referring to. I obtained the customer's tel# from Directory Assistance and I called the customer to acknowledge receipt of his letter. Advised I would have it docketed for the record in this matter. I sent info to docket control. File closed.

End of Comments

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